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**NOT LIKE DUBOIS.**

That sound-robin protest against Booker Washington, signed by W. E. B. Dubois and certain other dissatisfied members of the negro race, has attracted much attention, but it has perhaps had no result of a substantial nature, unless that result has been much good advertisement for Washington and much revelation of the kindly relations subsisting between the races in the South.

The latest issue of the *Charlotte Chronicle* contains two further evidences of the pleasant sentiments entertained by the two races toward each other. The first of these is a letter from B. O'Kelly, a colored man, to Colonel Ashley Horne, lately elected a member of the North Carolina Legislature. O'Kelly says in part:

"In your election . . . I feel that the negroes of the State have occasion for sincere congratulation. While we, as a race, have given our support and allegiance to another party, the fact remains that when men of your stamp are put forward we do feel that our best interest will be promoted by their election. The negroes of your county, or, indeed, those of every part of the State who know you, speak of you in terms of the highest confidence."

The Boston Transcript will do well to note that statement that the negroes themselves feel "that our best interests will be promoted" by the election of Democrats to places of authority in the South. The colored people know who their real friends are and if it came to a show down between William Lloyd Garrison, of the living generation, and Colonel Horne, they would take the Southern man every time.

Then there is the other testimonial, this time from a venerable white man, the editor of the *Rockingham Post*, a well known North Carolina paper. It is in the form of a little appreciation of Sims Dockery, an ex-slave, who belonged to the editor's father, who gave the father of Sims \$10,000 to hide from Sherman's army. After the last struggle was well out of the way, Uncle Washington Sims' father, "brought every dollar up." Sims himself has been pastor of the Spring Hill Baptist Church for thirty-nine years. He has 248 members and "he has never had any kind of disturbance in his church."

As a result of his missionary labors, eight branch churches bear eloquent testimony to his zeal and good works. The editor of the *Post* says of him: "Sims was our chum during the war and we loved him. We have often heard the good white people of Spring Hill commend his splendid example and say that the community was made better by his splendid influence over the race. He is doing a good work on a small scale as Booker Washington is doing."

These are not sporadic instances. In fact, cases of the sort mentioned here are so common in the South that they are only now and then seized upon and printed as news. Many are the standards by which we measure men, but by the standard of service to humanity this ex-slave preacher is doing more in a constructive way for his people than Dubois is playing the part of the "sensitive soul." The latter is staggering under the terrible responsibility of the degree of doctor of philosophy, but he is rendering no service to society by his temperamental outbursts about the condition of the man in black. Yet he is perhaps not wholly responsible for his views; it may be that he has absorbed the opinion of certain venerable and, locally, almost sacred citizens of Boston, who are declared by a certain eminent professor in the largest American university to have thought so much about the colored people that they have finally reached the conclusion that the colored people are better than they are themselves.

**NINETY-SIX COMMISSION CITIES.**  
Comparatively speaking, the commission form of government is an exceedingly new thing in the United States, but its adoption throughout the nation has been rapid and widespread. Few people realize that there are ninety-six cities in the country which are under this form of city administration.

The States with the number of cities having a commission form of government are: Iowa, 7; Texas, 20; West Virginia, 2; Alabama, 1; South Carolina, 1; North Carolina, 1; Colorado, 2; Wisconsin, 1; Louisiana, 1; Kansas, 18; Idaho, 2; South Dakota, 7; New Mexico, 1; Washington, 1; Massachusetts, 5; Oklahoma, 10; North Dakota, 5; Tennessee, 6; Mississippi, 1; Minnesota, 1; California, 2; Michigan, 1; Missouri, 1.

Norwich, Connecticut, has just voted the adoption of the commission form of municipal rule, but the system has not yet gone into effect. A few years ago there were not more than a dozen men in the United States

who were competent to speak on the subject of the commission form. Of these, Dr. Elliot, of Massachusetts, was chief, but he now says that the growth of the form as a practical matter has been so great that he is no longer the man to speak on the subject, but that mayors and commissioners of cities under the new system are the men who should speak. Many cities are following this suggestion and having such men address city gatherings on the topic. For instance, the mayor of Houston has been telling the people of Chicago what a success the commission form of government is in the Texas town.

Texas, in fact, leads in this great municipal reform, probably because the idea was first put into practice at Galveston and Houston. Kansas and Oklahoma are progressive second to the Lone Star State in this direction. It would seem that, like the good roads movement, the commission form of government idea is contagious and spreads to localities and States bordering those where the experiment has already proved successful.

The growth of this system of government of cities in the next decade will be phenomenal. Antiquated forms cannot resist the X-Rays of progress.

**THE PLAY OPTIMISTIC.**

Many plays there are and many productions of other descriptions on the stage which are not worth mentioning at all, because they are epitomes of silliness and foolishness. Now and then a play worth while appears. Such was "The Country Boy," which was produced in this city this week. It belongs to that lamentably rare class of productions known as optimistic plays.

Its strength lay in the fact that it reflected life and subtly taught several old but never untimely lessons. If there were any poet of really great mould in the United States, he could write a powerful epic on the situation about which the play hinges—the country boy swallowed up in the mad maelstrom of the metropolis. His defeats, his shattered dreams, his discouragement, his disillusionment—these weave themselves into a story that is universal in its interest.

"The Country Boy" does not teach its lesson negatively. It does not deal with the seamy side of city life; it is not a problem play, pretending to teach good morals by the presentation of bad. The play in question is optimistic, uplifting, cheering, rich in human interest, rich in humor and pathos, wholesome, but not oppressive in its didactic quality—and the point of the matter is that there ought to be more plays like it, fulfilling the educative purpose of the stage. For it would be just as well if the slangy songs and the extravagant foolishness of the plays that are seen were less frequent and wholesome performances were more common.

**THE INCREASE IN INSURANCE.**

At the recent meeting of life insurance company presidents in Chicago, Paul Morton, one of the captains of the insurance industry, commented on the striking growth of this tremendous business. Here are some of the facts he gave:

In 1860, the per capita life insurance averaged 15.25; in 1909 it was \$99 per capita; in 1910 it is estimated at \$100 per capita. Within fifty years the volume of life insurance has increased from \$155,000,000 to \$13,700,000,000. This is almost a hundred-fold increase, while in the period stated the population of the United States has increased less than threefold.

This indicates remarkable growth. In the past decade the increase has been nothing less than wonderful, and it is said that this increase is due to new and liberal plans adopted by the insurance companies.

Expansion in the insurance business is to be explained on several grounds, but the organization methods of the insurance companies have had much to do with the marvelous results achieved. Wide and persistent advertisement furnishes another reason. Still another consideration is found in the fact that life insurance has been made an easy and safe proposition for the average man.

Half a century ago there were not so many men as there are now who looked upon insurance as a matter of fact necessity. There were still fewer men who thought themselves able to take out policies. Nowadays, life insurance is looked upon both as an indispensable investment and as a necessity for those who would protect themselves and those near and dear to them.

**HELLO, CUPID!**

Complaint has been filed with the New York Public Service Commission that the demands of lovers for telephone service seriously impede business in New York. In pay stations, it is alleged, the "nuisance" is especially distressing. Perhaps the gentle indictment could be laid in other cities, but nobody but the crabbled New York brokers and business men generally would have been mean enough to wish to regulate the length of the tender messages of those burning with "the divine fire."

Why should business have the right of way over sentiment? Is business more important than love-making, so far as man and government are concerned? Shall Wall Street dominate the world of love, as well as the worlds of finance and politics? A thousand times not! Sweet nothings are better than stock quotations. Better frenzied romance than frenzied finance.

**THE ARKANSAS PRIMARY.**

In the recent campaign in Arkansas there was but one candidate for a civil office in Crittenden county. The officers sent up a certificate of his

election, but gave no figures. The election authorities wrote back that they must have the certified figures of the ballots cast. The Crittenden County officials replied that since there was but one candidate they saw no use in going to the expense of an election and they had held none. The unvoted for nominee will get the office, all right.

This seems an excellent and sound procedure, but it can be tried only in those States where there is no opposition party. It was an Arkansas lawyer who answered the inquiry of a young Republican attorney in another State as to whether it would be advisable for him to migrate to Arkansas. "If you are a Republican, the game laws of this State will protect you."

**THE FAILURE OF LODGE.**

The Washington Post is strongly advising the people of Massachusetts to return Henry Cabot Lodge to the United States Senate. There is a very substantial possibility that the Sage of Nahant will not be present in the higher branch of Congress when his term shall have expired.

"Mr. Lodge's usefulness to the country has steadily increased, and he now stands in the very first rank of American statesmen," declares the Post in a passion of enthusiastic eulogy. The point to be noted, however, is that our contemporary can give no reason for the retention of the Massachusetts senator. The Post thinks that the desire for the reelection of Lodge is really national, asserting with a bold touch of the "New Nationalism" that "the country has a right to ask that Senators who have reached high place shall be kept where their experience and ability can be exercised for the general welfare."

The further statement is made that "no successor, however prominent locally or however able, could hope to reach the place occupied by Mr. Lodge without serving an equal number of years." That view is one in which we assuredly cannot concur. It could not apply in the case of either Dr. Elliot or Ex-Governor Guild, both of whom are prominently mentioned for Lodge's seat in the Senate.

What service has Lodge rendered to the nation? In what way has he made himself indispensable as a public servant? If he has achieved any great fame, it has not come to our ears. If he has been the author of any great measure or has aided materially in getting any great measure through, the newspapers have been remarkably silent on the subject.

As a matter of fact, Lodge has been a distinct disappointment as a statesman. Starting out with considerable reputation as an author and political writer, he has failed to sustain the predictions made for him. The most unpopular man in public life in Massachusetts to-day, hated by a large element of the people almost as a personal enemy, only the power of entrenched privilege has held him so long in the Senate. If United States Senators were chosen in Massachusetts by popular vote Lodge would long ago have belonged to the politicians that were.

**NAHANT IS THE PLACE FOR LODGE.**

**AUTOMOBILE SPEED DETECTORS.**

In Boston, automobile speeders are not convicted on the conjectural estimates of eye-witnesses, nor can they be released on the interested testimony of the chauffeur. They are detected by means of an instrument known as a "photo speed-recorder," the veracity of which rests on the uniform and immutable working of natural laws.

The apparatus used in Boston consists of two similar photographic cameras, set side by side in the same box. It is so arranged that each camera takes a picture with an exposure of approximately one-hundredth of a second, and is provided with a mechanism which automatically exposes one camera approximately one second after the other. It is also provided with a chronometer of a stop-watch variety, so arranged that the shadow of a dial divided into thirtieths of a second is shown, together with the shadow of the hand in its position on the dial, upon the plate in each separate camera, and this simultaneous with the exposure of the plate in each camera.

In order to use the apparatus for determining speeds, this rule is employed: "The distance of any external object from the lens of a camera is as many times greater than the distance of the image on the photograph plate from the lens as the size of the object is greater than the size of the image."

This device has worked with great success, and has been approved by the Massachusetts courts. It ought to be used in Richmond during the speeding season.

It is not stated in the dispatches whether the Colonel asked last night "Has anybody here seen Judge Baldwin?"

Twelve prominent citizens of Vicksburg, Mississippi, afloat for a morning "bracer," hired a barge the other day and started over for the Louisiana town opposite Vicksburg. Mississippi is dry, and Louisiana is wet. The barge went under and the men were drowned. Is this an argument for prohibition or for license?

Vermont is getting ready to defeat the proposed income tax amendment to the Constitution of the United States. That is starting the ball rolling the right way.

What a wonderful place Virginia is! The Omelette folks are rejoicing in strawberries and raspberries right now, while other parts of the Old Dominion have been wrapped in snows

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**SMOKY CITY SUICIDES**

**Three People, Woman and Two Men, End Their Lives.**  
Pittsburg, Pa., December 13.—Three persons ended their lives in Pittsburg today, one woman and two men.

An unknown man dived from Glenwood Bridge, across the Monongahela River, with the grave and exact results have not been ascertained. The body has not been recovered.

Dr. Francis Vincent Ely, a well-known physician, died at his home in Pittsburg early in the day, and, returning home, kissed his wife and two sons and then shot himself. Before his death, which had called for a physician, Dr. Ely was dead. He had been ill for some time.

The body of Mrs. Nellie Brewer Tighe, wife of Dr. George W. Tighe, was found on the floor of her kitchen early to-day. She had quarrelled with her husband, and during the night shot herself through the heart with his service revolver.

**EMMA EAMES TO WED**

**She Will Become Wife of Emilio de Gorgorza, the Politician.**  
Paris, December 13.—A morning paper announces the marriage engagement of Mme. Emma Eames, the opera singer, and the baritone, Emilio de Gorgorza.

Mme. Eames is the divorced wife of Julian Story, of Philadelphia, the artist. The wife of Dr. Gorgorza, Miss Elsa Neumann, she brought suit for separation against her husband, and last year began suit in Philadelphia against Mme. Eames, charged with having alienated the affections of Dr. Gorgorza. Damages of \$50,000 were asked.

**SHOT FROM AMBUSH**

**Prominent Merchant Killed; No Clue to Murderer.**  
Fort Mill, S. C., December 13.—Fort Mill, a prominent merchant, was shot from ambush near here last night, dying almost instantly. No clue to the perpetrator is obtainable to-night.

About a year ago Nevil was attacked in a similar manner while entering his store. On that occasion he was quite seriously injured. A negro was arrested, but was acquitted by a jury.

**Condition of the Treasury.**  
Washington, D. C., December 13.—At the beginning of business today the condition of the United States Treasury was: Working balance in treasury office, \$5,000,000. The total balance in general fund, \$1,000,000. The total balance in special fund, \$1,000,000. The total balance in miscellaneous fund, \$1,000,000. The total balance in miscellaneous fund, \$1,000,000.

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**They Demand of Russia Facts as to Prison Brutality.**  
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**Temple of Office Act.**  
What is the tenure of office act?  
In February, 1867, Congress passed a bill limiting the power of the President in removals from office. It took from the President the power to remove members of his Cabinet, except by permission of the Senate, declaring that they should hold office for the term of President by whom they were appointed, and for one month thereafter, subject to removal by and with the consent of the Senate. President Johnson vetoed the bill March 2, but it was passed over his veto, and became a law.

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Chicago, Ill., December 13.—Nathan B. Hyde, former United States Commissioner for the Southern District of Wisconsin, and at one time a member of the New York bar, was found dead in his home on the West Side last night. His head was cut open by a blow from a crow bar, which was found near the body. The house was raided, and the police say robbery was the motive for the murder. Mr. Hyde was seventy-four years old and had lived in Chicago since 1902. His wife died in 1901. He came to Chicago, and since then he lived alone. Neighbors of the dead man declare he was wealthy. Mr. Hyde had practiced law at Sheboygan, Wis.

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For years we have given the greatest care and painstaking efforts to our selections of imported Sherries, Ports, Madeiras, making selections of only those marks or varieties whose quality measure up to the high standard, while purity and flavor is given every consideration. Our selections show the development, fitness, body necessary in a wine wanted for the sick room, convalescent, table use and all other uses.

**Cognac.**  
Shipped by Planet & Co. Is distilled in the district of Cognac, where the world's finest Brandy is produced. Both the purity and maturity places Planet Brandy in an individual class, especially suitable for sickness and home uses, or in all cases where a fine article is needed.

**\$2 Bottle**  
**CLARETS**  
Are again growing into popular favor. The excellent quality combined with low price, and low alcoholic strength, appeal particularly to the discriminating palate. Clarets are indispensable in the menu; are the only wines to serve with a cold, coleurau rareties. We stock the regular Claret to the more expensive Chateau Vines—rare quality and not easily obtainable.

**From 75c up Per Bottle**  
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